

40-Meter Net Hamfest Regulars



Here is a fine bunch from the **Ft. Wayne Hamfest** this year. Pictured above in the front row left to right: Charlie – WD8IQV, Phil – W9PMA. Back row left to right: Bob – KD8RUZ, George – KB9VF, Darrel - WD8ANZ, George – N8NPW, Minnie – KD8PAZ, Denny – N8XLS. Photo was taken by Charlie’s granddaughter Madison.



Look who Minnie and George drug to the **Kalamazoo Hamfest** this fall. We would hardly recognize Dave off the “**Big Blue Tractor**”. Pictured in the center is Dave - KD8CSQ, with Minnie - KD8PAZ on the left and Gerge - N8NPW on the Right.

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The GM Nets meet daily Monday through Saturday on 7.277.5 MHz at 18:00Z and Tuesdays on 14.277 +/- QRM at 16:15Z

Would you like to help out
with Net Control Duties?
Contact our Net Manager
George, KB9VF
kb9vf@Comcast.net

Net Preamble & Closing



Net Preamble

This is (your call), today's net control. This net is composed of employees and retirees of the General Motors Corporation .

This net meets daily on this frequency for the purpose of getting better acquainted, expanding our knowledge, and improving our operating techniques. We promote friendship among participants in many locations who have many talents and have or have had a variety of work assignments. The General Motors nets are international in scope on some bands, and visitors are always welcome to check in. Please stay carefully tuned to net control at all times. This is (your call) (working for or retired from) (your) Division in (your city), (state). My home QTH is (where you live). My name is (your name) and we will now take check-ins, one at a time, please.

Net Control Stations:

George, KB9VF
Rick, WØPC
Verle, K8VW
Bill, WB9YUR
Denny, N8XLS
Bill, WD9AIH
Phil, W9MPA
Bob, K8MPV
George, N8NPW
David, ABØHU
Charlie, WD9IQV
Fred, WD8ADG
Chuck, WA8IHI
Wally, WB8M
Walter, DF4IZ
Ed, K8DSS (Alternate)

Net Closing

Are there any late check-ins for the net? (pause for late check-ins). Is there any further business for the net? (pause for any further business) Having no further business, we will close the net at this time. This net is composed of General Motors employees, retirees, and visitors. We meet each day, Monday through Saturday, on or about this frequency, at (1700z or **1800z**). Thank you for your participation and please return often. This is (your call) now closing the net. 73 and Good Afternoon.

**Turn on the radio and tune us in. We are on 40-meters
Join us on or about 7.277.5 MHz at 18:00Z**

Net Control Schedule

December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 WA8IHI - Chuck	3 WD8ADG - Fred, DF4IZ - Walter	4 WØPC- Rick	5 KB9VF - Geo	6 WD9AIH - Bill	7 K8MPV - Bob
8	9 WB9YUR - Bill	10 K8VW - Verle, DF4IZ - Walter	11 N8NPW - Geo	12 W9PMA - Phil	13 N8XLS - Denny	14 ABØHU - David
15	16 WD9IQV - Charlie	17 WA8IHI - Chuck, DF4IZ - Walter	18 WD8ADG - Fred	19 WØPC- Rick	20 KB9VF - Geo	21 WD9AIH - Bill
22	23 K8MPV - Bob	24 K8VW - Verle, DF4IZ - Walter	25 WB9YUR - Bill	26 N8NPW - Geo	27 W9PMA - Phil	28 N8XLS - Denny
29	30 ABØHU - David	31 WD9IQV - Charlie, DF4IZ - Walter	Notes: DX Net, 1615Z, 14.277 +/- QRM: Walter, DF4IZ Net Control			



Ed - K8DSS is back in Lakewood Ranch, Florida full time. His Elecraft K3 with all the bells and whistles and his Elecraft KX3 QRP are right at home in the shack. Ed's wire antennas are work'n lots of DX...but it's the ACER Netbook and the Internet that gets him into our 40-Meter net.



Lee Orman – WB8COG SK



This fall brings the sad news that Lee's Cancer flared up once again. We will sure miss his funny stories and experiences while working as an Electrician for General Motors. What a great sense of humor! Lee served as Firebird President and also received the "John L. Evans, Jr. W8BXM Memorial Award" for his many years of contributions to the organization.



Denny - N8XLS presents Lee with the Firebird Club's highest Award at the Annual meeting October 2006
"John L. Evans, Jr. Memorial Award"



Lee leaves us with some useful Fisher Body household tips



Hiding your emergency money, helpful on vacation



Use a bread tab to hold your spot on a roll of tape



Use a Magnet to Find Nails and Studs in Your Wall

Drill holes in the bottom of our garbage can to make putting in & taking out bags much easier... no suction issues



If you're at a hotel and run out of chargers, the tv usually has a usb plugin



USE A STAPLE REMOVER TO SAVE YOUR FINGERNAILS WHEN TRYING TO ADD THINGS TO YOUR KEY RING

Net Control Schedule

January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: DX Net, 1615Z, 14.277 +/- QRM: Walter, DF4IZ Net Control			1 WØPC- Rick	2 WD8ADG - Fred	3 WA8IHI - Chuck	4 WØPC- Rick
5	6 KB9VF - Geo	7 WD9AIH - Bill, DF4IZ - Walter	8 K8MPV - Bob	9 K8VW - Verle	10 WB9YUR - Bill	11 N8NPW - Geo
12	13 W9PMA - Phil	14 N8XLS - Denny, DF4IZ - Walter	15 ABØHU - David	16 WD9IQV - Charlie	17 WA8IHI - Chuck	18 WD8ADG - Fred
19	20 WØPC- Rick	21 KB9VF - Geo, DF4IZ - Walter	22 WD9AIH - Bill	23 K8MPV - Bob	24 K8VW - Verle	25 WB9YUR - Bill
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USE A SODA-POP TAB

TO OFFSET HANGERS AND SAVE SPACE IN YOUR CLOSET



When heating leftovers, space out a circle in the middle, it will heat up much more evenly

Don't burn yourself in those hard to reach candles, light a stick of spaghetti and light the wick with that.





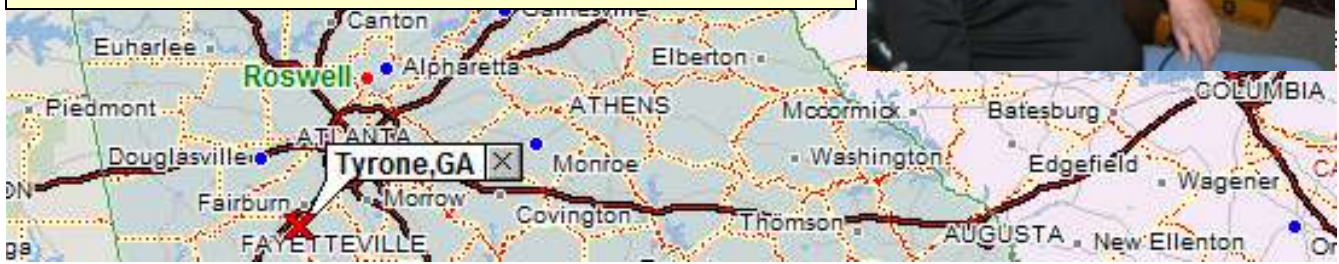
Put a small amount of water in a glass when you microwave your pizza to keep the crust from getting chewy

Ray Tompkins - K1RAY (SK)

Raymond Harry Tompkins, age 86 of Tyrone, GA died November 21, 2013 at Ashley Glen Assisted Living Center Peachtree City following a decline with a long term illness. He was the husband of the late Crystal (Cyr) Tompkins. Ray was born in New Brunswick Canada on April 22, 1927 one of eight children of the late Mary (Boone) Tompkins and the late Elmer Tompkins. He was a Korean War era US Army veteran that served overseas during his enlistment. He retired from the General Motors - New Departure bearing company after 34 years of service. Mr. Tompkins grew up in Bangor ME and often shared memories of his childhood living at a hotel with his uncle Oscar and Aunt Mattie. In 1951, he married Crystal and began their 51 years together. They were blessed with two loving children, Leo and Stacey. Ray was a longtime resident of Terryville, CT until he moved with Stacey's family to Georgia in 2006. He had a passion for Amateur Radio and was always proud to sign on as K1RAY with his radio buddies. One of his other past times was playing his cherished guitars and always trying to sing better. In 2009, after years of confusion with the government, Ray became an official US citizen. Survivors include son, Leo Spencer and his wife Lorene of Wilmington, NC; daughter, Stacey Wyant and husband Jeff of Tyrone, GA; his brother Gerald Tompkins of Chula Vista CA, sister May Rindfleisch of Bristol CT, devoted niece and nephew Pamela Kamens and Mark Tompkins of Terryville, CT, seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A Christian Burial will be celebrated in the spring of 2014 when he will be laid to rest alongside his loving wife Crystal at Hillside Cemetery in Terryville, CT.



Left to Right: Ray's brother **Gerald**, Ray's sister **May** and **Ray**



Net Control Schedule

December 2013

February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 WA8IHI - Chuck	4 WØPC- Rick, DF4IZ - Walter	5 KB9VF - Geo	6 WD9AIH - Bill	7 K8MPV - Bob	8 K8VW - Verle
9	10 WB9YUR - Bill	11 N8NPW - Geo, DF4IZ - Walter	12 W9PMA - Phil	13 N8XLS - Denny	14 ABØHU - David	15 WD9IQV - Charlie
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Amateur Radio Station K1RAY



GMARC News

GMARC Supports Local Charities with Emergency Communications

Bobby Corr (N8CY)

When October rolls around every year, volunteers from the GM Amateur Radio Club get out their 2-meter HTs and head to Rochester, Michigan. This year, GMARC Amateur Radio Operators provided Emergency Communications support for the Rochester Crop Hunger Walk on 13-Oct-2013, and the Scare Away Hunger 5K Run on 26-Oct-2013.

In this capacity, GMARC volunteers provide a Net Control Operator at the start/finish line and personnel out on the course to report progress of the runners and assist with any emergency condition that may occur. GMARC has supported these two events for the past four years.

Crop Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service (www.cwsglobal.org) and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

The Scare Away Hunger 5K Run is sponsored by the Rochester Area Neighborhood House (www.ranh.org) which provides food, clothing and emergency financial assistance to neighbors in need from Rochester, Rochester Hills, Auburn Hills, Oakland Township and Addison Township. Canned goods donations are also accepted on race day at the Family Event from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. According to Gary Drake, organizer for the event, "This year's race was a major success, and we appreciate the GMARC volunteers who enhance our ability to provide a safe race course for our runners".

GMARC is proud to be of service to our community and assist these organizations in providing food to those who need it at this time of year.

This is what
what a car
guy builds
with
Leftover
parts



Net Control Schedule

March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 WD9IQV - Charlie	4 WD8ADG - Fred, DF4IZ - Walter	5 WA8IHI - Chuck	6 WØPC- Rick	7 KB9VF - Geo	8 WD9AIH - Bill
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Pacificon Oct. 2013
 Left: WØPC & K8DSS
 Top: George - K5KG
 Right: Rick & Carol Perry



Amateur Radio Club

www.gmarc.org

GM Amateur Radio Club Membership Application

Membership in the GM Amateur Radio Club is open to anyone interested in amateur radio

New Member [] Renewal [] Heritage []

Present Call Sign _____ ARRL member yes/ no _____

Name _____

I would like to be called _____ (This will be used for the First Name on your ID Badge)

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Home Phone # _____

Cell phone # _____ Work Phone # _____

E-mail address _____

If you are/were a GM employee - Work location _____

Yearly dues are: January 1 -- December 31

[] \$20.00 Individual [] \$30.00 Family [] Heritage \$10 (first year free)

Please make checks payable to: **GM Amateur Radio Club or GMARC**

Note: Please enclose a passport photo (for your membership id)

Mail to: **GMARC**
Bobby Corr - N8CY
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Shelby Township, MI 48317-5054

Note from the Editor: Many of our old Firebird ARC have also joined the GMARC as "Heritage" members. Nets are on WW8GM/R (443.075 MHz) linked to Echolink via WW8GM-R Monday's @ 8 PM EST or 0:00 Z